

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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EROSION DUE TO GANGA RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the continuous erosion due to Ganga river which has assumed a dangerous proportion at Shankopara Station near Farakka between Nabodip and Kala railway line;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are also aware that the Bandel Thermal Power Station, Dakshineswar Temple, Balagarh in Hooghly, Katwa, Kalna in Burdwan, Barrackpore in North-24 Parganas in West Bengal are facing serious erosion problem due to Ganga river; and
- (c) if so, the steps the Government has contemplated to check the river erosion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Flood Management including river erosion being a state subject, investigation, planning and implementation of flood management schemes are within the purview of the State Government. The Central Government renders assistance which are technical catalytic and promotional in nature.

As informed by the Government of West Bengal, they are aware of the erosion problem at village Shankopara in P.S. Farakka in the district of Murshidabad caused by the river Ganga/Padma. A scheme to arrest the erosion has already been prepared.

(b) & (c) Further, Government of West Bengal has also informed that they are taking adequate steps to check/prevent erosion caused by river Ganga in various places viz. Katwa and Kalna in Burdwan and in this connection necessary schemes have been prepared after investigations which are to be taken up as per availability of funds. As regards the problem of erosion in P.S. Balagarh and near Bandel Thermal Power Station, the State Government has also taken necessary steps for protective measures. In the Barrackpore-Dakshineswar area in the district of North 24 Parganas, no alarming erosion of river Hooghly has been observed. However, the stretches of the river have been kept under observation.